

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2007. Applicants also file herewith a Request for Continued Examination; three Terminal Disclaimers as discussed below; a two-month extension of time; and a Power of Attorney, transferring power to prosecute the present application to Practitioners at Customer No. 00109, which includes the undersigned attorney. Please note that the proper assignments in this case were also recorded with the U.S.P.T.O. assignment division. Applicants wish to thank William Krynski from the U.S.P.T.O. Paralegal Shop for his helpful advice in regard to the filed terminal disclaimers.

Claims 1-14 and 17-32 are active in the present application. No claims have been amended or added.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner maintained the rejection of Claims 1-22, under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as unpatentable over claims 19-40 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/915,011. Claims 15 and 16 were canceled in a prior response, thus rendering moot the rejection as to these claims. Applicants now submit herewith a modified Terminal Disclaimer in reference to U.S. Application No. 10/915,011 (U.S. Publication No. 2005/0009942) and signed by Applicants' undersigned representative. This modified Terminal Disclaimer now replaces the prior filed Terminal Disclaimers. Applicants request that the fee for the disclaimer filed January 30, 2006 now be applied to the presently filed disclaimer. If additional fees remain, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1512.

The Examiner maintained the rejection of Claims 1-22 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as unpatentable over claims 1-7 and 1-13 of U.S. Patent 6,774,186 and U.S. Patent 6,548,600, respectively. Claims 15 and 16 were canceled in a prior response, thus rendering moot the rejection as to these claims. Applicants now submit herewith a modified Terminal Disclaimer in reference to U.S. Patent 6,774,186, and a modified Terminal Disclaimer in reference to U.S. Patent 6,548,600. Each modified disclaimer now replaces the corresponding

prior filed disclaimers. Applicants request that the fee for each modified disclaimer filed January 30, 2006 now be applied to the respective presently filed disclaimer. If additional fees remain, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1512.

Therefore, Applicants request that the presently filed Terminal Disclaimers be entered in the present case, and request the withdrawal of the Double Patenting rejections.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present Amendment is now in condition for allowance, and request early notice of such action. If the Examiner has further questions, or believes further issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative

Respectfully submitted,

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